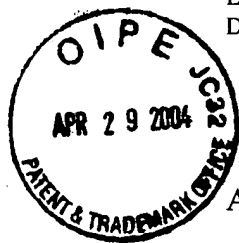


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 30, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 30, 2004 (part of paper no. 12222003), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 on this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action [5 pgs.]; and
2. a Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 20264-502, Customer No. 35437. A duplicate copy of the this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212-935-3000.

Dated: April 29, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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